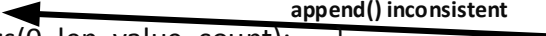


**Concurrent append() and erase() causes Thread 1 to fail in getChars(), using a stale value of sb->count.**

**Thread 1**

```
StringBuffer::append(StringBuffer *sb){ ...  
    int len = sb->length();//returns sb->count  
    int newcount = count + len;  
    ...  
    B sb->getChars(0, len, value, count); ... }
```

Bug: modifying sb->count makes the value read in append() inconsistent



**Thread 2**

```
StringBuffer::erase(start,end){  
    int len = end - start;  
    if (len > 0) {  
        //modify buffer  
        A this->count -= len; } return; }
```

**Last Writer Slice @ B**

LWS(sb->count) = Thread 2 @ A

**When the failure occurs, Thread 2 may no longer be executing the erase method. The last writer slice indicts the update to sb->count in erase().**